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1. POPULAR COMMITTEES CONTINUE "SEIZING POWER" IN OIL COMPANIES. AT AQUITAINE THREE TOP (FRENCH) EXECUTIVES, THE GENERAL MANAGER, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER AND LEGAL OFFICER, ALONG WITH FRENCH SECRETARY, WERE ALL "TERMINATED." COMMITTEES, HOWEVER, EXPECT FRENCHMEN TO STAY AND TRAIN THEIR REPLACEMENTS. AT OASIS, COMMITTEE HAS ORDERED FIFTEEN TERMINATIONS, INCLUDING FIVE MOST SENIOR LIBYANS AND SOME AMERICANS. THEY HAVE ALSO ORDERED SEVERAL DEMOTIONS, INCLUDING MOVE OF ONE DEPT MANAGER TO TRANSLATOR JOB. OASIS COMMITTEE DISRUPTING FINANCES OPERATIONS BY REFUSING PAYMENTS ON CONTRACTS AND EVEN STOPPING PAYMENT ON ALREADY ISSUED CHECKS. AT ESSO, RELATIVELY TAME COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN AWAY COMPANY CARS, LATER RETURNED. AT AMOSEAS COMMITTEE MEMBER HAS INFORMED AMERICAN GENERAL MANAGER THAT COMMITTEE SEEKING WAY "GET IN THE PAPERS" WITH MINIMUM DISRUPTION COMPANY ACTIVITIES.

2. TAMPERING WITH FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AMOSEAS COMMITTEE ATTACKS ON EXPATRIATE

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ALLOWANCES BOTH LIKELY HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON COMPANY OPERATIONS. IF TERMINATIONS OF SENIOR EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES CONTINUE, THIS ALSO LIKELY HAVE REAL EFFECT ON OPERATIONS. COMMITTEE DEMANDS THAT EXPATRIATES STAY ON TO TRAIN REPLACEMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLARIFIED. THEY MAY IN EFFECT, BE JUST LIMITS ON WORK PERMITS OF EXPATRIATES.

3. SINCE TRAINING OF LIBYANS TO FILL SENIOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS LIKELY TO BE TIME CONSUMING, EFFECTS OF THIS MEASURE MAY NOT BE FELT FOR SOME TIME. JOSIF

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